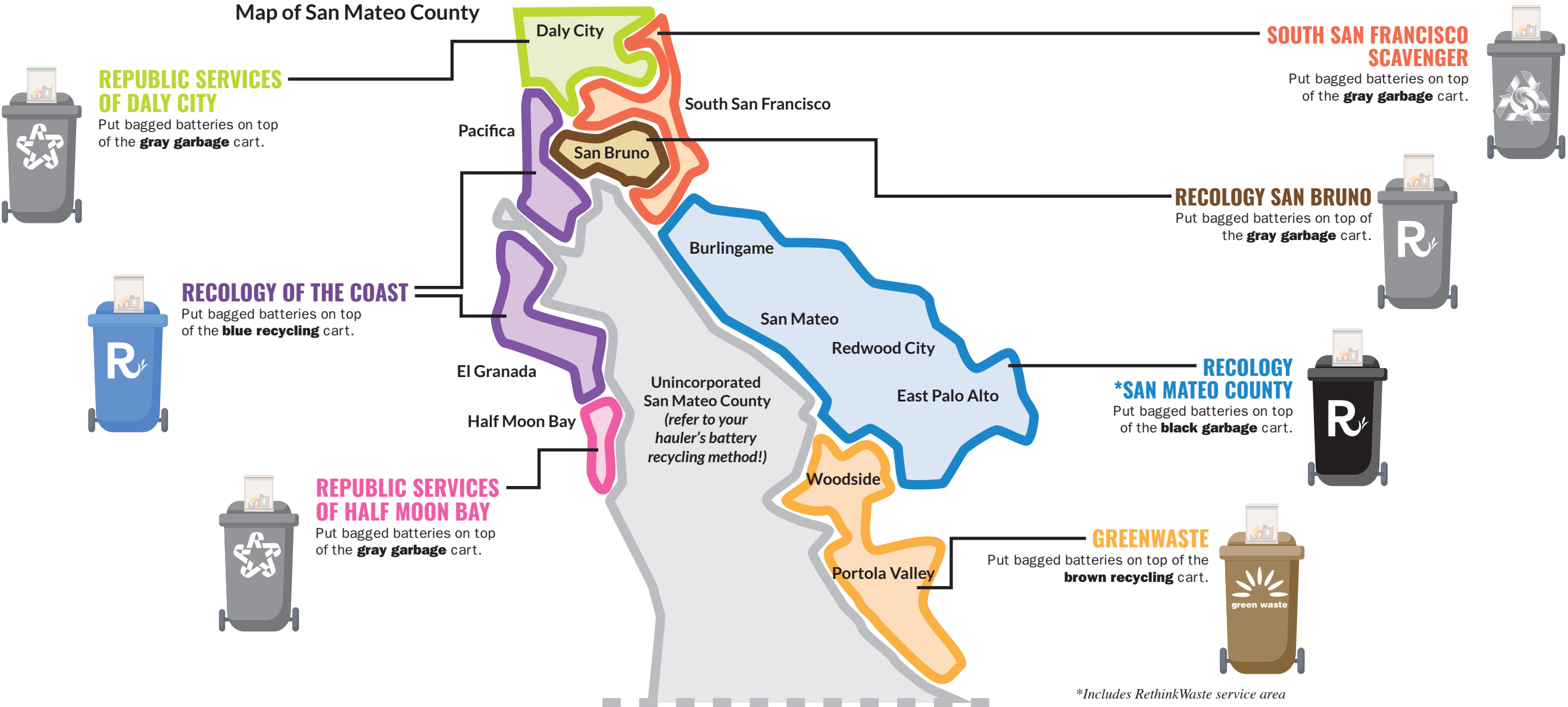


Where Batteries Go

Recycling batteries is easy in San Mateo County! Simply collect, tape, zip and place (see below for directions). But which curbside cart do your batteries go on top of? Use the map to find which hauler services your area and which receptacle you should place your bagged batteries on top of for collection and disposal.



THE BATTERY BUCKET

For residents who live in a multi-family unit and don't have curbside collection, ask your property manager to ask your area's hauler for an orange battery bucket! All household batteries can be put into this bucket for collection in a common area onsite.



TAKE 'EM BACK

Want your batteries out of the house sooner? Drop off your unwanted batteries at a local take back location! There are over **70+ locations** in San Mateo County to drop off batteries while you're already out and about. Visit **Recyclestuff.org** to find the closest one to you.

HOW TO RECYCLE YOUR BATTERIES

Follow these four easy steps to make sure that all your household batteries are recycled safely, and do your part to protect San Mateo County!

1. COLLECT



Put all of your **household batteries** that you are done using in a clear plastic zip-top bag.

2. TAPE IT UP!



Properly tape the terminals and contacts on your **lithium-ion and 9-volt batteries** so they do not spark (see instructions to the right).

3. ZIP



Seal the **clear plastic zip-top bag** when it is at least halfway full and ready for collection.

4. PLACE



Check the map above to see which cart you should put your bag of batteries on top of, according to which hauler services your area.

GOT LITHIUM BATTERIES? TAPE THEM UP!

Before placing your lithium-ion batteries in a clear plastic zip-top bag, make sure to follow these steps to reduce the risk of explosion or fire:

1. IDENTIFY



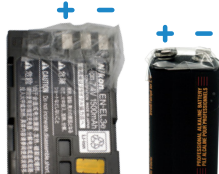
Retrieve all the **lithium-ion and 9-volt** batteries from where your batteries have been safely collected.

2. PREPARE



Use **clear tape** to tape up your batteries, like the kind you use at home or to pack boxes.

3. TAPE



Make sure to cover the **positive and negative terminals** on the lithium-ion and 9-volt batteries with tape.

4. ZIP



Place all your batteries in a **clear plastic zip-top bag** and seal it. Now you're ready to place the bag on top of the correct curbside cart (see above) for collection!